

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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INTEL CORP. MICROPROCESSOR)	MDL DOCKET NO. 05-1717
ANTITRUST LITIGATION)	(JJF)
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PHIL PAUL, on behalf of himself)	
and all others similarly situated,)	C.A. No. 05-485-JJF
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Plaintiffs,)	CONSOLIDATED ACTION
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v.)	
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INTEL CORPORATION,)	
)	
Defendant)	

**DEFENDANT INTEL CORPORATION'S SUPPLEMENTAL FILING IN
SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED
CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINT**

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In opposing Intel's motion to dismiss the First Amended Consolidated Complaint, plaintiffs urged the Court to apply a "liberal" pleading standard and to defer judgment on the sufficiency of their allegations until after discovery and expert economic analysis. *See* Opp'n at 6, 12-14. That was not the rule then, and it is certainly not the rule now, as the United States Supreme Court recently made clear in *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*, 127 S. Ct. 1955 (2007) (Exhibit A hereto), which is submitted herewith, pursuant to L.R. 7.1.2.(c).

Twombly upholds the dismissal of antitrust conspiracy claims and clarifies generally the standard under which courts should decide motions to dismiss. The Court "retires" *Conley v. Gibson*'s 50-year-old formulation that "a complaint should not be dismissed for failure to state a claim unless it appears beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support of his claim which would entitle him to relief." *Id.* at 1968, 1969. Under *Twombly*, a complaint must set forth factual allegations sufficient "to raise a right to relief above the speculative level" and "***enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.***" *Id.* at 1965, 1974 (emphasis added). To meet this standard, the plaintiff must supply "more than labels and conclusions, and a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not do." *Id.* at 1965 (internal citations omitted).

In its analysis, the Court particularly stressed concerns about the substantial burdens of discovery in antitrust litigation. *Id.* at 1966-67. Accordingly, when the allegations of a complaint do not meet the plausibility standard, the deficiency should "be exposed at the point of minimum expenditure of time and money by the parties and the court." *Id.* at 1966 (internal citation omitted).

So here. As Intel explained in its opening and reply briefs, plaintiffs' factual allegations fall short of establishing a plausible claim for relief. Among other things, plaintiffs fail to allege facts sufficient to show antitrust injury or standing, both of which are prerequisites for their claims. The First Amended Consolidated Complaint's cursory allegations that plaintiffs were harmed by paying higher PC prices, which were somehow caused by Intel's alleged price-cutting and rebates on chip sales, are precisely the kind of bare "labels and conclusions" that *Twombly* rejects. *Id.* at 1965. And the convoluted and attenuated alleged chain of causation set forth in plaintiffs' opposition brief (summarized at Intel's Reply, pp.13-15), clearly fails *Twombly*'s test for plausibility. Accordingly, plaintiffs' claims are ripe for dismissal. As *Twombly* put it: "Because the plaintiffs here have not nudged their claims across the line from conceivable to plausible, their complaint must be dismissed." 127 S. Ct. at 17.

Intel respectfully requests that the Court grant its motion and dismiss plaintiffs' First Amended Consolidated Complaint.

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